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2700**REQUEST FORM FOR CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

This is a Request for filing a continued prosecution application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) of prior Application No. 09/037,916, filed on March 10, 1998 entitled: ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM, IC CARD TRANSACTION APPARATUS HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, IC CARD TRANSACTION SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE, AND IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE IC CARD SYSTEM

By the following named inventors: Nobuhiko NISHIO; Izumi ASOH

The above identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. The Prior Application identified above was a non-provisional application that is complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b) or a national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §371 and was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

1. Enter the non-entered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in the prior non-provisional application.
2. A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 1 and 2 above.

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
				\$690.00
Total Claim(s)	7 - 20		× 18.00	
Independent Claim(s)	2 - 3		× 78.00	
-- Multiple Dependent Claims			+ 260.00	
				TOTAL \$690.00
Reduction by 1/2 for small entity				TOTAL FILING FEE = \$690.00

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3. Our check in the amount of Six Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$690.00) is enclosed to cover the required fees. In the event that any other fees are required with respect to this application, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300. Any overpayment may be credited to the same account.

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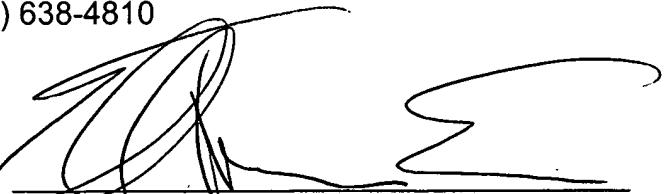
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4. A new oath or declaration is included.
5. A Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is enclosed was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired.
6. An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 and references is enclosed.
7. XX Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Official Action dated November 8, 1999 in the parent Application No. 09/037,916 be extended, if necessary, to the filing date of the present continued prosecution application. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
8. XX Also enclosed: Check No. 00477

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 8, 1999 (Paper No. 9). Please amend the above-noted application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 and add new claims 13-19 as follows:

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--13. (New) An electronic purse system having a double-structured purse

comprising:

an IC card;

a first terminal group which can transfer money to the IC card, wherein each terminal in the first group includes a first ciphering/deciphering unit which performs ciphering/deciphering of information relating to money utilizing a code number;

a second terminal group which can transfer money to the IC card, wherein each terminal in the second group does not perform ciphering/deciphering of the information related to money; and